



# HAWK HEADLINER

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## THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE: OUR STUDENTS SPRING AHEAD

It's accountability time again. Through the use of a variety of measures, we as a public school are held accountable for demonstrating that students are making progress on the skills they need to learn at each grade. The State Department of Education and Morongo Unified School District have adopted standards of what each child should know in each grade level. The tests your students will be taking soon will be aligned with these standards.

This is part of the State of California's STAR testing program. The results of these tests will be used to compare our students with others across the state to determine how well we are doing in helping children master the standards which are expected.

This is again an important year for us to show improvement. We have been working hard in areas such as written language, that will



again be included this year. If we continue to improve each year, it allows your child to move more quickly and be better prepared for their education in later years.

You can help by:

- ⇒ Promoting a positive attitude
- ⇒ Having a quiet evening prior to the test
- ⇒ Having your child go to bed early the nights before a test.
- ⇒ Providing a nutritious breakfast on the days of the tests.
- ⇒ Expressing confidence in your child.

We will be participating in this testing at the end of April and the first week in May. I am again asking for your help to let our students shine. Working together, I know we will all be proud of our accomplishments.

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### Dates of Interest

- 4/1 McDonald's Night 5-7 pm
- 4/6 Daylight Saving Time Begins (spring forward)
- 4/7 Staff Development Day (no school for students)
- 4/8 FHEA at 6:30 pm
- 4/14-18 Spring Break
- 4/21 SAT-9 Testing Begins
- 4/24 Class Photos
- 4/29 Quarterly Awards Assemblies (see calendar for times)





# Library News...

The California Young Reader Medal program encourages recreational reading of popular literature among the young people of our state. Since its inception in 1974, millions of California children have nominated, read and voted for the winners of the California Young Reader Medal.

Our library has been displaying all the books in our collection that were past nominees and winners of the California Young Reader Medal. Our students are enjoying reading some of their past favorites and finding new favorites. This month we are voting for -

## Primary Category:

**I Will Never Not Ever Eat A Tomato** by Lauren Child  
**Click, Clack, Moo The Cows That Type** by Doreen Cronin  
**The Ugly Vegetables** by Grace Linn  
**The Soccer Mom From Outer Space** by Barney Saltzberg  
**Good Night, Good Knight** by Shelley Moore Thomas

## Intermediate Category:

**Because of Winn Dixie** by Kate DeCamillo  
**The Year of Miss Agnes** by Kirkpatrick Hill  
**Island of the Aunts** by Eva Ibbotson

Mrs. Kovaleff will be sending in our ballots at the end of March. We should hear who the winners are by the end of May.

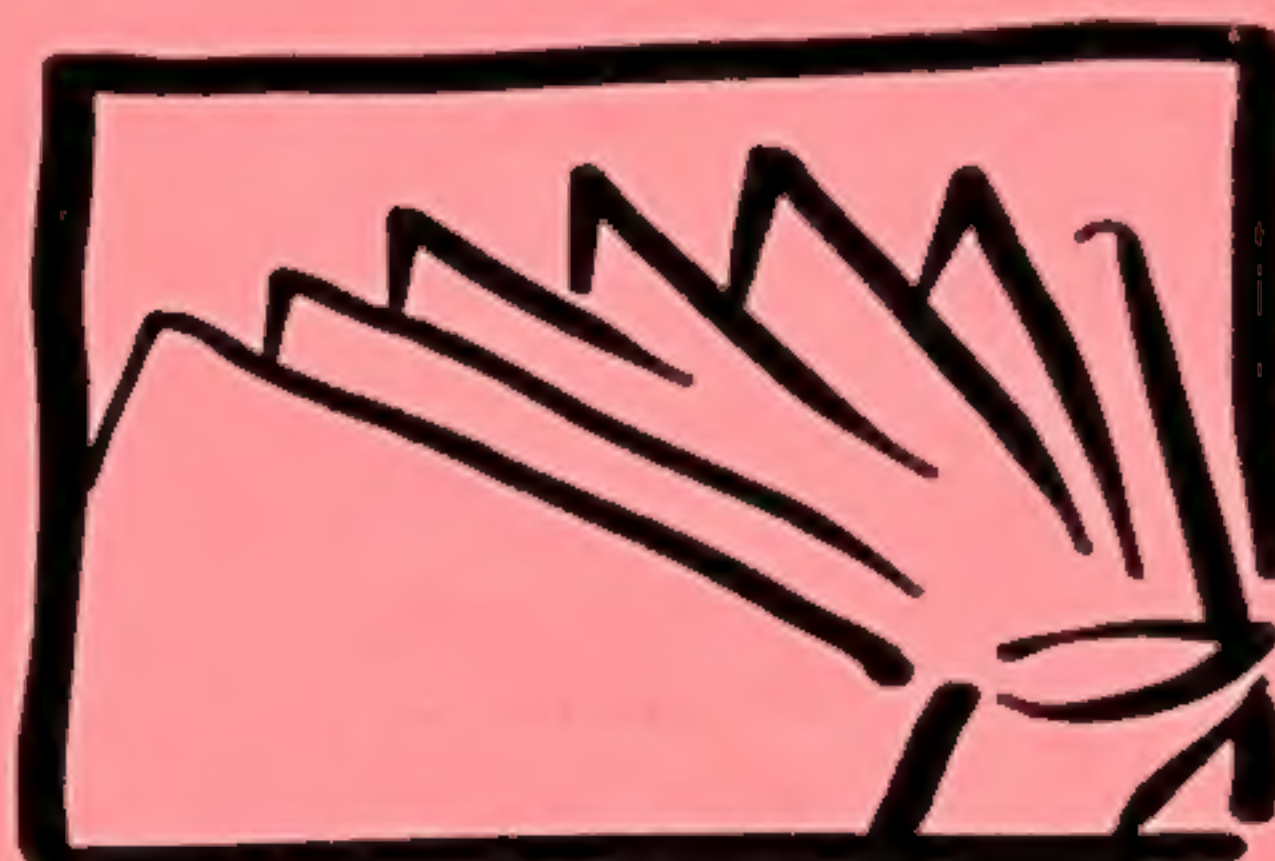
Even a woodpecker owes his success to  
the fact that he uses his head.

## Paddington Pals for March

Cornell Gardner	Ms. William's Class
Rebecca Phipps	Mr. Hesse's 1st Grade
Caleb Norman	Mrs. Winchell's 2nd Grade
Andrew Rounds	Mrs. Mann's 3rd Grade
David Brake	Mrs. Dempsey's 4th Grade
Brianna Prekop	Mrs. Reed's 5th Grade
Sean Dittmer	Mr. Bogner's 6th Grade

These wonderful students will receive a new paperback book from Paddington's book basket.

*Until next month, keep on reading.  
Mrs. K. and dear Paddington*



Please call the school  
at 366-3812  
every time your child  
is absent to clear his  
or her attendance.

## *100 MILE CLUB...*

**SAT - 9 testing**

**April 23**

**through**

**May 9**

Our students and even some of our staff members are keeping their running shoes warmed up. Take a look at our "Wall of Fame" in the cafeteria for just how far they're walking and running. So, keep those track shoes moving and get your 100-mile club book stamped at your running recesses.





# FRIENDLY HILLS ELEMENTARY ASSOCIATION

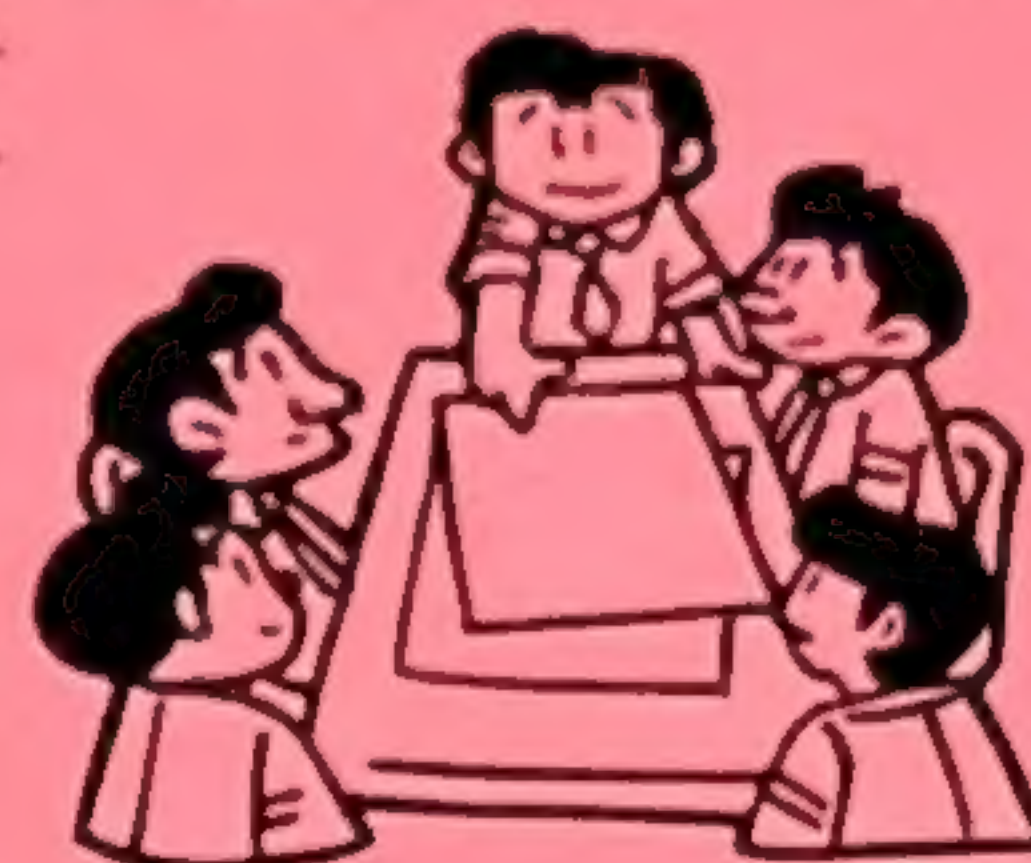
The Friendly Hills Elementary Association each year elects new members to serve as officers of this important organization. Officers include, President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. F.H.E.A. would welcome individuals who are interested in serving in one of the above positions. If you have an interest in serving in one of these positions or just getting involved, please come to the next meeting on April 8. Here are just a few of the exciting accomplishments so far this year.

- Providing funds for every class to take field trips or purchase extra supplies
- Raising funds to help send all our 6th grade students to science camp.
- Providing at least one school-wide student assembly.

Spring has sprung and with that comes several fundraising events this month. Currently, students are participating in the "Common Threads" environmental products sale. You can purchase T-shirts, mugs and other creature friendly items. This fundraiser will coincide with Earth Day.

Also, McDonald's Principal's Night is upon us from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 3. Join us for this fun family night.

Please consider joining us at our next meeting on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. and be a part of this great team.



## DRESS CODE REMINDERS...

With the spring time weather upon us, it's time for a few quick reminders from the parent/student handbook regarding the dress code. The following items are not allowed at school.

- Open toed or open heeled sandals or thongs are not allowed as they can result in serious foot injury (the toes must be covered by the make of the shoe along with a strap securing the shoe on the back of the foot).
- Short shorts, spaghetti straps (straps must be a minimum of 1" wide or another shirt worn underneath), crop tops, extremely baggy pants...are not allowed and are inappropriate school attire as they become distractions in the classroom.



Don't forget to move your clocks forward Saturday night, 4/6.

A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks and make somebody's day.



PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF ANY OF YOUR EMERGENCY CARD INFORMATION CHANGES.... WE NEED CURRENT PHONE NUMBERS, CONTACTS, ETC.



# Rainy Day Writings by Ms. Subriar's 2nd Grade Class

When it rains clouds are here. It makes dripping sounds when it hits the roof. When it rains the wind blows as hard as a monster truck crushing cars. Sometimes the power goes out. That is fun because it is really quiet and you can hear all the noises. My favorite part of a rainy day is watching the clouds.

By Travis Jackson



One night I saw water rising up towards my home. I swam out of my home. I'm an otter. I swam away to the ocean. I was safe there.

by R.J.P.  
(Robert Ferrante)



When it rains I hear tap, tap, tap on the metal. When it rains, it's windy. My window rattles. It looks like an old truck. Also, I am scared of the lightning. It looks like giant Z's crossing the sky. I like the rain because it soaks the ground, which makes the plants grow. The best thing about rain is it makes puddles to step in.

By Joey Ramirez Mays



When it rains the sky turns rainy and cloudy. I love rain because I love hot cocoa, dinner early and playing with Danielle. Danielle and I play tag, volleyball and mermaids together. Suddenly it turns into a big flood and then thunder hits and the power goes out. Danielle and I sing "rain, rain go away come again some other day". It goes away. We dance in the puddles singing la, la, la, la, la all the way home.

By Missy Garcia



When it rains, I get that feeling that the rain is just going to get worse and worse. I like to jump in puddles. When it rains, I see gray clouds that look like puffs of smoke.

by Melanie Culver

When it rains the sky turns dark blue. It gets really cold. So I get my jacket on. I get really wet. Today I got a ride to school. When it rains the road gets slippery. I clipped on the playground. My favorite part of the rainbow comes after the rain stops.

By Corey Petersen

When it rains the raindrops come down. I know how the rain comes down. God gets buckets of water and drops



the buckets down. Then rain falls down. Then I feel good. I see lightning. It scares me. When it rains I feel weird because I'm not used to it. I like the smell of rain and watching it fall down.

By Danielle Gelsinger





When it rains and those beautiful raindrops fall from the sky, I wonder how rain is made. When it rains I like to jump on the trampoline because you bounce higher. I sit outside worrying about Tigger my dead cat. I miss him. When it gets windy, souls float on the wind. When I listen to the rain, it sounds like drum sticks beating on the soul of the wind. My favorite part of rain is the rainbow when it stops.

by Cody Waldrop

When it rains I like to jump in the humongous puddles. The clouds are really gray. The rain falls down. The trees get soggy like the soil. Your clothes get wet and you start to get cold. The rain sounds like tapping on a desk. My favorite part of rain is the sound it makes as it falls on different things.

By Madeline Aiken

When it rains, there are gray clouds in the sky. I jump in puddles. It is fun because you can get wet. **THE END**

by Louis Moore

When it rains, I get wet. The sky gets as dark as brownies. I splash in the puddles. My pants get wet. I feel good. When it rains the dirt gets muddy. I love the rain because it smells good.

By Jacob Armstrong

I like the rain because it waters my flowers. My favorite part of the rain is I can catch water on my tongue. Also, I can play in the puddles. The sky looks as gray as elephants skin. Rain is fabulous. It makes me feel happy inside.

By Leslie Luna

When it rains, I put my jacket on. I jump in the puddles. When I trip, I fall into the muddy ground. I like when the power goes out. I'm scared of lightning and when I hear thunder. I like rain because it makes the plants grow.

by Annetta Nilsen

When it rains, I will go and play in it. I will get wet. Then I will go jump in the puddles. When the rain comes down you can see raindrops falling from the huge sky. I wish it would "come a tide" forever and ever. Sometimes water floods up to bridges. I hear rain beating on the roof when it rains.

By Amber Cosner



When it rains, the dirt gets as wet as the ocean. The rain gets all over my coat. It makes me feel cold. I hope it rains tomorrow so I can jump in the puddles. I love the rain. It is the best weather of the year.

By Matt Rucker



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*Friendly Hills is dedicated to ensuring that students acquire the necessary skills to be high achievers, exemplary citizens and life long, self motivated learners.*

**Check out our Friendly Hills Home Page.**  
**[www.morongo.k12.ca.us/morfhe/index.html](http://www.morongo.k12.ca.us/morfhe/index.html)**

## Our Story

*Friendly Hills School was founded in 1988 as part of the Morongo Unified School District. Since it's inception, the school has been instrumental in the education of more than 4000 students. Our first kindergarten class graduated from high school in the year 2000. We are confident that that class, and all who will follow, leave this school with a strong well rounded education. Our tradition has been one of academic excellence, high student expectations and an education rich in the arts. As we move into the future, Friendly Hills continues to lead in these areas as well as emerging as an innovator in the area of technology. We attribute our success to a talented, dedicated staff, caring parents and wonderful students.*

## SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWS

The School Based Management Council is a decision making body within the school.

*Each year new parent members come onto our*

*School Based*

*Management Council*

*If you would like the chance to be a part of*

*this group, please*

*contact Mr. Blanding.*

This committee puts together a Site Based Plan each year that outlines how money for special programs will be spent. It is made up of an equal number of parents and staff.

During this past month's meeting, the committee took a preliminary look at next year's budget.

The committee continued work on our school plan for next year. Some outstanding discussions produced plans for visiting other high achieving schools to find new ideas for our school.

In the coming months the group will be reviewing the results of the upcoming parent survey and putting together a new plan for next year.

It's time for new members, come get involved.





# Friendly Hills School Science Fair, 2003

## Kindergarten - Third Grade Collections

### First Place

Tia Jones (Gr. K)  
Mayetta Martel (Gr. K)  
Sara Fleischman (Gr. 2)

### Second Place

Sierra Zacks (Gr. 2)  
Hanah Miller (Gr. 3)  
Lauren Schmelling (Gr. 3)

### Third Place

Sam O'Melia (Gr. 1)  
Katelyn Weedman (Gr. 1)  
Elizabeth Schmelling (Gr. K)

## Kindergarten - Third Grade Demonstrations

### First Place

Cody Waldrop (Gr. 2)  
Dylan Masterson (Gr. 2)  
Marc Salomon (Gr. 3)

### Second Place

Ryan Fauls (Gr. 3)  
Gage Breneman (Gr. 2)

### Third Place

Katelynn Hannah (Gr. 3)  
Matt Bowling (Gr. 3)

## Kindergarten - Third Grade Experiments

### First Place

James Reed (Gr. 3)  
Caleb Norman (Gr. 2)  
Eric Peters (Gr. 3)

### Second Place

Emery Mello (Gr. 3)  
Joey Ramirez (Gr. 2)  
Kylie Howell (Gr. K)

### Third Place

Ohkwari Tatu (Gr. 1)  
Alexandra Jay (Gr. 3)  
Eric McClay (Gr. 3)

Mrs. Candelaria's and Mrs. Seacat's Kindergarten Class Project, "Let's Do Lunch"  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner and will go on to the MUSD Science Fair

## Fourth - Sixth Grade Experiments

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Jordan Johnson (Gr. 6)  
Joshua Rahhal (Gr. 4)  
Tatiana Alonso (Gr. 5)  
Shanteal Nazario-Gaffney (Gr. 6)  
Grace Bogner (Gr. 4)  
Kelsey Frasher (Gr. 6)  
Nick Aguilar (Gr. 5)  
Nathan Palmer (Gr. 6)  
Melissa Phelps (Gr. 4)  
Justin Howell (Gr. 5)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Yvette Casteneda/Ariana Rodriguez (Gr. 6)  
Marissa Salomon (Gr. 5)  
Sean Martel (Gr. 5)  
Ryan Rogers (Gr. 5)  
Krista Blevins (Gr. 4)  
Joshua Ghiloni (Gr. 6)  
Britteny Candelaria (Gr. 4)  
Brianna Schoenfeldt (Gr. 5)  
Eric Palmer/Dustin Webb (Gr. 6)



## Fourth - Sixth Grade Experiments

Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> place winners who will go on to the  
MUSD Science Fair

### First Place

- Ryan Fleischman (Gr. 6) "The Burning Facts of Antacids"  
Cheyenne Westlake (Gr. 6) "Deodorant Soap"  
Ashley Candelaria (Gr. 6) "Filter It!"  
Marialena Martinez (Gr. 6) "Does the Color of Light Affect Plant Growth?"  
Jenna Fisher (Gr. 4) "Decay a Day"  
Sierra Bernardini-Smith (Gr. 5) "Ocean Oil Spill Clean Up"  
Bobby Byrne (Gr. 6) "Dihydrogen Monoxide"  
~~Cassie Brubaker~~ (Gr. 4) "Dissolving Candy"



Congratulations to Ashley Candelaria and Jenna Fisher who ultimately took  
first place awards at the MUSD Science Fair and will go  
on to compete at the County Level. Well done girls!





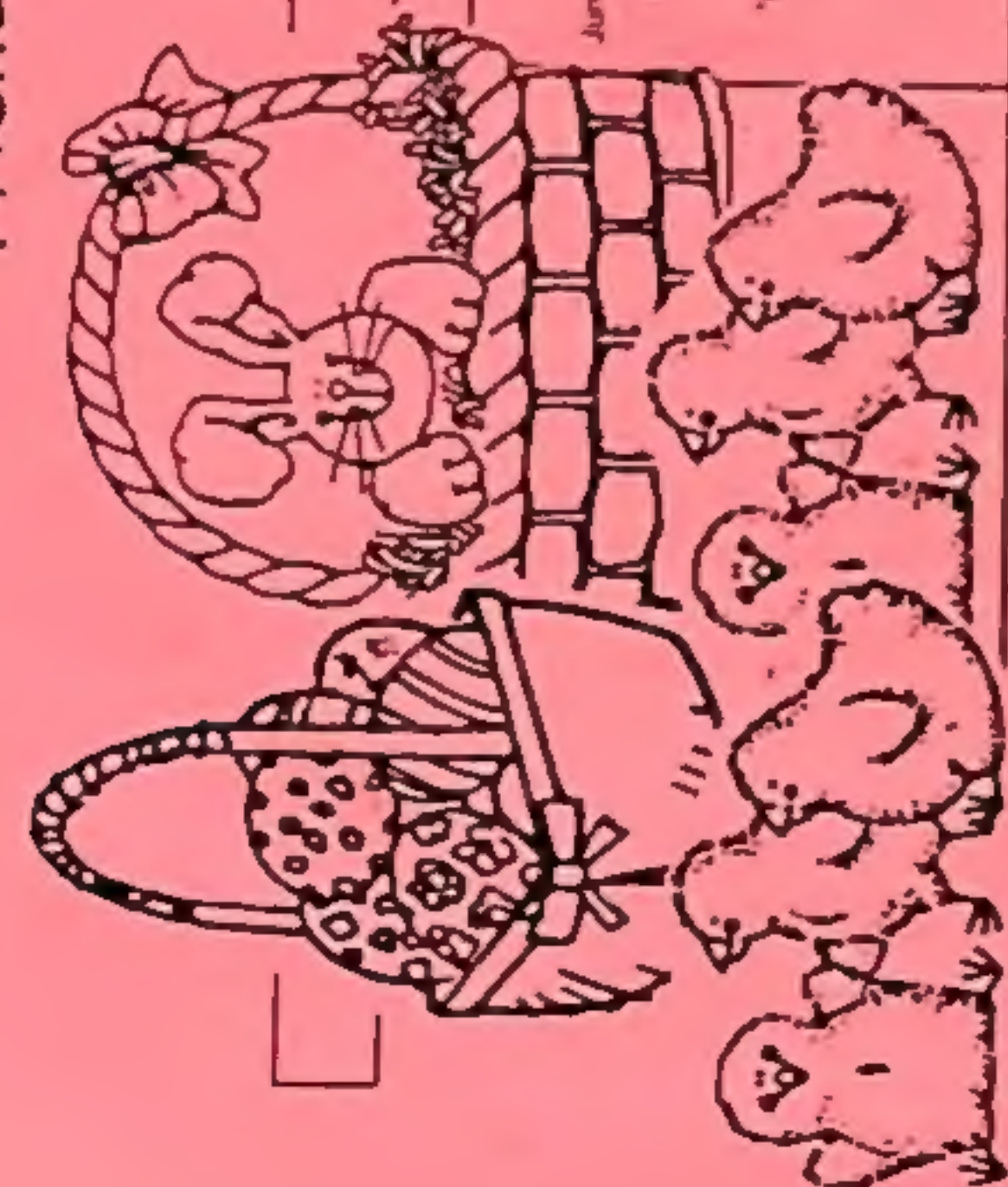
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# March Awards

Teacher's Name	Student of the Month	Citizenship Award	Outstanding Effort	Writing Award
Mrs. Bernardini	Robert Krupp	Randee Langley	Rashawn Iverson	Nick Cushman
Mr. Begner	Wayne Bryant	Halee Hallan	Johnny Timm	Chris Gonzales
Mrs. Candelaria	Colby Compton	Dylen Freeman	Mikayla Aguilar	Elan Harnitz
Mr. Chambless	Marissa Salemon	Karissa Lowry	Derick Dauphinais	Jesse Suddreth
Mrs. Dempsey	Emily Paul	Christian Albarron	David Brake, Jr.	David McCorkle
Mrs. Friedman	Frederick Compton	Fabio Meza	Krista Chinen	Melissa Phelps
Mr. Hesse	Peyton Orten	Danielle Smith	Samuel O'Melia	Isaiah Thomas
Mrs. Hesse	Courtney Evans	Samantha Lane	Christopher Sniffin	Dylan Cosner
Ms. Hodges	Bo Bonem	Isabel Ramos	Keelan McClure	Hannah Miller
Mrs. Mann	Katie Mathein	Amanda Ambrosius	Ronda Ebeling	Erik Peters
Mrs. Mitz	Christian Kahrs	Courtney Yakutis	Kasie Sixkiller	Tyler Johnson
Mrs. Reed	Tatiana Alonso	Breanna Prekop	Dennis Gray	Justin Howell
Mrs. Seacat	Tia Jones	Travis Brenneman	Rhyann Prekop	Isaac Parker
Mrs. Strader	Ashley Candelaria	Julio Luna	Laura Flippen	Ariana Rodriguez
Ms. Subriar	Amber Cosner	Danielle Gelsinger	Marissa Garcia	Leslie Luna
Mrs. Tilson	Katelynn Hannah	Matt Boling	Aaron Rilley	Megan Tree
Ms. Williams	John David Farr	Alan Sifford	Kyler Leagon	Christopher Gardner
Mrs. Winchell	Christian Barnett	Victoria Ganster	Hope Brown	Katelyn Weedman



# April, 2003



Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri	
<p>1</p> <p>Jump/Knops for Heart Assembly (Grades 2-8) 8:40-10:10</p> <p>"Common Threads" T-Shirt Fundraiser begins April Fool's Day BOE @ 7 pm</p>		<p>2</p>		<p>3</p> <p>McDonald's Principal Night 5-7 pm</p>		<p>4</p> <p>Decision (Dad @ 4:00 pm) Grade Level Migs (A) @ 8:30 1:10 @ 2:40</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>Staff Development Day (no school for students)</p>		<p>8</p> <p>Grade Level Mig (K) @ 3:45</p> <p>EL JOIN US...</p> <p>PhEA (parent group) @ 8:30 pm</p>		<p>9</p> <p>Grade Level Migs (1) @ 8:40 (6) @ 10:40 (5) @ 12:45 (2) @ 2:40</p> <p>2 teeth is 3 teeth less 4 ever</p>		<p>10</p> <p>Mrs. Ruff's 10th grade class trip to CA Science Center Crest Park 1 A 7:30-5:00</p>	
<p>13</p> <p>SPRING BREAK</p>		<p>14</p> <p>SPRING BREAK</p>		<p>15</p> <p>BOE @ 7 pm</p>		<p>16</p> <p>Passover begins</p>	
<p>20</p> <p>Easter</p>		<p>21</p>		<p>22</p> <p>Jump for Hearts Event (Grades 2-4) 8:40-10:30</p>		<p>23</p> <p>Knops for Heart Event (Grades 5-8) 8:40-10:30</p> <p>STAR Testing begins</p> <p>HACKY WACKY DAY "Career Day"</p>	
<p>27</p>		<p>28</p> <p>STAR Testing continues</p>		<p>29</p> <p>Awards Assembly (Quarterly) K-3-4 @ 9:40, 5-8 @ 10:15 K-2 @ 2:30</p> <p>Staff Meeting @ 3:45</p>		<p>30</p> <p>Teacher's Day</p>	
<p>17</p> <p>Passover</p>		<p>18</p> <p>Good Friday</p>		<p>19</p>		<p>20</p>	
<p>24</p> <p>CLASS PHOTO DAY</p>		<p>25</p>		<p>26</p>		<p>27</p>	

